

Homework – Student Needs in Language Learning

What does a student *need* when learning to speak a foreign language?

- Read the statements below. Do you agree?
- Draw a circle around the number that matches your opinion:
 - ① “I agree strongly.”
 - ② “I agree.”
 - ③ “I have no opinion.”
 - ④ “I disagree.”
 - ⑤ “I disagree strongly.”
- Remember – there are no correct or incorrect answers.



Students' needs:		My opinion				
1	Students need freedom to express themselves and criticize the school.	1	2	3	4	5
2	Students need to be able to participate in educational decisions.	1	2	3	4	5
3	Students need to have contact with teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
4	Students need to be treated fairly.	1	2	3	4	5
5	Students need to be respected.	1	2	3	4	5
6	Students need a comfortable place to live.	1	2	3	4	5
7	Students need to be given responsibility for their education.	1	2	3	4	5
8	Students need to participate in educational decision-making.	1	2	3	4	5
9	Students need teaching methods which treat them as individuals.	1	2	3	4	5
10	Students need less emphasis on lectures as a main teaching method.	1	2	3	4	5
11	Students need more small group work.	1	2	3	4	5
12	Students need more individualized teaching.	1	2	3	4	5
13	Students need less emphasis on the textbook.	1	2	3	4	5
14	Students need a clear statement of the aims of a course.	1	2	3	4	5
15	Students need to be involved in assessment.	1	2	3	4	5
16	Students need a variety of assessment methods.	1	2	3	4	5
17	Students don't need to talk to their teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
18	Students don't need to know about their progress.	1	2	3	4	5
19	Students don't need to know the results of all assessments.	1	2	3	4	5
20	Students don't need enough time to do good quality work.	1	2	3	4	5
21	Students don't need lessons in how to use the library.	1	2	3	4	5
22	Students don't need to learn study skills.	1	2	3	4	5
23	Students don't need learning skills.	1	2	3	4	5
24	Students don't need to be enthusiastic.	1	2	3	4	5

Adapted from Hills, P.J. (1976). *The Self-teaching Process in Higher Education, Ch. 3. Student's and Teacher's Perceptions of Course Needs*. Croom Helm: London.